

# Parish of Sandal Magna Newsletter



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## May 2022

### Easter Services - praise from churchwarden

I feel that I cannot let this season pass without commenting on our services during the Easter weekend. The Good Friday meditation at St Paul's was a new experience for me and I found the service really helpful in preparing for Easter. This year it was a reflection on the Stations of the Cross.

The two Sunday services at St Helen's in their diverse ways reflected the joy and hope that the message of Easter Sunday brings.

Jude Smith's sermon spoke to us about looking to the future and identifying God's purpose for us here in our parish, particularly as we welcome Hannah into our midst.

The cherry on the cake, however, was the return of Sunday School and with it some of the families that we have missed.

An answer to prayer I think.

*Brian Pratt, Churchwarden*



*The photos are of craft work based on Psalm 91 v 14 done by the children with the support of our children's worker, Laura Truter*

### Chalice Bearers Update

Although at present during Holy Communion we have bread only, we need to prepare for the time when we are able to use the chalice again. If you were a chalice bearer prior to the pandemic, and would be agreeable to continue in that role we need to know. It would also be helpful to know if you don't wish to continue. Please have a word with myself (Andrea North) or with Margaret Walker or you can let the Parish Office know. The Diocese has to licence Communion Assistants for 5 years and that period is now due for renewal.

*Andrea North - Church Warden*

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## CAP Debt Centre Manager

We are thrilled to announce that we have recruited a new Debt Centre Manager for the Wakefield CAP Debt Centre, Nick Drayton. Nick worships at Crofton Parish Church and is coming out of retirement as a maths teacher to take up this role. He will be starting in May and is really looking forward to serve God and helping people in Wakefield. Nick will be based in the church office and working Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please do bob in and say hello!

*Sarah Cutts*

## Church Clock Update

Our Church clock was installed by Potts of Leeds in 1942. You will notice the handle for winding it, and that there is no clock face inside the tower only a minute hand that moves anti clockwise! Thus, to manually change the clock in Spring and Autumn is a great challenge. It was initially wound by the then Verger, Charlie Peters, until about 1960 when he delegated the task to the Bellringers. The role was continued mostly by John Cutt for over 50 years, during which time it became necessary to wind it twice weekly. In November 2019 a bequest was made in memory of John Cutt for the clock winding system to be automated. Until this work can be done, the Bellringers, chiefly Roger Townend our Tower keeper, continue to manually wind the clock twice weekly and hope that the automation is soon completed!

*Margot Cutt*



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## Community Spirit Games Club

This group meets to play board games every 2nd Monday of the month, so the next dates will be 9th May, 13th June, 11th July and 8th of August. For any more information contact Ann Dobson on 07972737679. Come along and meet others and enjoy the refreshments. No charge.

*Anne Dobson*

## Annual Parish Church Meeting

The APCM and PCC and Churchwarden elections will take place at the Barnabas Rooms, St Paul's Church on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm. Come and join in and learn about the life of the church over the last year. The annual audited accounts will be displayed on the noticeboards at St Helen's and St Paul's from 9th May.

*Andrea North, Church Warden*

## TLG Make Lunch

We had an egg-mazing time (right I'll stop with the egg jokes now!) at Portobello with our TLG Families. It was also lovely to meet Emma (sponsor) who joined us for the day and Tim Morfin, the founder of TLG. We all celebrated Easter with crafts, board games and pin the tail on the bunny followed by the



kitchen teams delicious meal with pudding of course :) it all ended with a chocolate easter egg to take home. The second week of half term we had The Flying Seagulls who are a charity with a team of clowns, musicians, entertainers and actors. Thank you to everyone who makes TLG Make Lunch happen in Portobello, we couldn't do it without your generosity, support, and kindness. It's so great to have that opportunity to make a family smile and see them enjoy the half term holidays. We all look forward to Wednesdays lunch club :) Thank you!

*Laura Truter, Children's Worker*

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## Women's Fellowship

Meetings continue to be held on the 1st Monday of the month, 10.30 am to 12 noon in the Emmaus rooms at the rear of the church.

JUNE 6th ; Sue Woodcock ; 'The joys of being eccentric'! (Lots of laughter guaranteed!)

JULY 4th ; Last meeting before summer break ; Social, with scones & cream !

Ladies, feel free to pop along and join in our small, but friendly group, you'll be sure of a warm welcome ! Look forward to seeing you all.

*Gill Heap*

## Sandal Magna Branch Mothers' Union

Monday 16 May '22 at 7.30pm in the Barnabas Rooms, St Paul's Walton

Speaker: Katie Rimmington the Hepworth Gardener. Everyone is welcomed to our meetings on the third Monday of each month.

*Rose Lee*

## From Rupert and Sally

Rupert and Sally send their greetings and say "It has been very precious to spend time with Helen, Julian, Lynne and Julian. Moving and settling takes physical, emotional and spiritual energy and we know you have prayed for us and we have felt carried. THANK you so much. We also pray for you all. As well as relaxing with friends and family - we made our first visit to SS Great Britain!

We wanted to show you the beautiful gift you gave us for real. Our balcony and garden (still to be done!) with this BEAUTIFUL ceramic memento of Sandal. We are so grateful and you will always be remembered here in Bristol. God bless each one of you with love and peace and hope." *Rupert and Sally.*



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**The Spring**

Having enjoyed an extended Easter break, due to a new floor being laid at The Spring – we are now back and looking forward to another term of serving the Lord and our local community. We have so much to be thankful for here at The Spring – our wonderful customers and volunteers who have remained faithful throughout the ups and downs of the pandemic, my amazing and talented staff team who continue to go that extra mile with a smile on their face and a spring in their step and the nurturing and supportive Sandal Magna PCC. Spring Customers have donated £3,250 to the Ukraine appeal through the DEC since March 2022. Thank you all.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Spring Craft Fayre:** From 12 Noon – 4pm, support our local artists at our Summer Craft Fayre. Entry is free, along with onsite car parking and there will be light refreshments available to buy on the day

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Planning for the future:** Come for a coffee and a chat with Arminster Purewal, Estate Planning Consultant from Honey Legal on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May between 10am to 12pm at the The Spring Community Shop & Cafe. He'll buy you a coffee (proceeds will go to charity) and you can ask questions, get free advice on Wills, Trusts and Lasting Powers of Attorney.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 12 Noon – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** Community Jubilee Tea Party at The Spring – Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a traditional afternoon or Cream Tea at the Spring. No charges made for the tea, but any donations on the day will be shared between The Spring and the DEC for Ukraine

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June – CLOSED for Jubilee Weekend**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Spring Bistro Evening:** We will be operating our first ever Bistro Night @ The Spring. Doors open from 7pm, 3 Course Supper served from 7.30pm. BYO Wine/Beer. Live entertainment from Mark Taylor and Ali Bullivent. Bookings being taken from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Charged at £25 per person with £10 going to charity (TBC)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm - Summer Close down**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10am – Spring re-opens**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Celebrate 25 years of The Spring**

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## Defibrillator Box Request

Saving Lives, Serving the Parish and the  
Community - We need your support!

Did you know that for some time a Defibrillator was kept in a cupboard at the back of St. Helen's Church but has now been returned to the Portobello Community Centre as it was originally their property donated by The Rotary Club of Wakefield.



This has rightly promoted a discussion as to whether the church should invest in its own device. However, Neale Clarke, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Wakefield, has informed us that it is recommended that machines are not within 600m of each other - and one is already on the inside wall at The Spring! This is maintained/serviced from their funds but of course, **is only available when The Spring is open**. The management of The Spring would support the idea of fixing their device outside the building which would allow greater accessibility for the local community **at all times**.

So .... how would the people of the Parish of St. Helen's feel about helping us raise the money to purchase the required box to hold the Defibrillator and help to save lives! All we need is some £800 (which would include fitting and hopefully, be much easier to raise than the £2500 required for a full machine/box/fitting). Are you in?

We are looking to promote a fund raising event on the morning of Saturday 18th June which will include a sponsored '*organ-athon*' by our church organist (the playing of 100 hymns from Ancient and Modern in three hours) combined with a Coffee Morning in the Emmaus Room. **(More details later)** The Defib. team of Cath Moxham, Neale Clarke and Margaret Arnold look forward to your support to raise the funds for this life-saving project.

John and Margaret Arnold

***(The above photograph shows the Defibrillator now fitted outside the Portobello Community Centre)***

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